

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A positive active material comprising:  
particles comprising a compound oxide of lithium and a transition metal, the compound oxide having a layered structure, a coating layer comprising an inorganic compound and a carbonaceous material being formed on at least part of each surface of the particles.
2. The positive active material according to Claim 1, wherein the inorganic compound is a lithium compound.
3. The positive active material according to Claim 1, wherein the weight ratio of the inorganic compound to the carbonaceous material ranges between 99:1 and 60:40.
4. The positive active material according to Claim 1, wherein the weight ratio of the particles to the coating layers ranges between 98:2 and 70:30.
5. A nonaqueous electrolyte secondary battery comprising:  
a negative active material; and  
a positive active material comprising particles comprising a compound oxide of lithium and a transition

metal, the compound oxide having a layered structure, a coating layer comprising an inorganic compound and a carbonaceous material being formed on at least part of each surface of the particles.